

“ on the west side of Wiccocomoco river, and on the west
 “ side of Sacaiio swamp, being about half a mile north from
 “ the land called Daniell's Mount, to be holden of the mannor
 “ of Sacaiio, beginning at a marked oak, upon a hill by a great
 “ swamp, near a cow path called Sacaiio path, bounding on
 “ the west,” &c. a question is propounded where the *begin-*
ning of the certificate should be : A committee appointed for
 the purpose of considering this question, refer it back to the
 whole house, by whom it is declared, in their opinion, to be
 at the words “ *beginning at a marked oak, &c.*” and the pre-
 ceding words to be “ no essential part of the certificate, but
 “ only serving as a direction to find out the land therein con-
 “ tained.”

1st UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1657—fol. 226.

“ Capt. Burgess sent by the lower house with the follow-
 ing vote :

“ The committee being present in the house, and the act
 for deserted plantations being read, VOTED that this house
 supplicate his lordship, by petition, that he would be pleased
 to assure his rents some other way than by escheating lands
 in so short a time as three years, for the non-payment of rent,
 and that his lordship would be pleased to take no advantage
 by any forfeiture that is not actually escheated already, by
 virtue of the law for deserted plantations, and that the up-
 per house would be pleased to concur with this house therein,
 and that his excellency be desired, untill such time as his
 lordship's pleasure be known therein, to surcease any further
 prosecution upon that law ; and further that all persons may
 have liberty to sue out their grants for their lands, the rights
 being good, though the certificate be of never so long stand-
 ing, and the land not yet actually escheated, and that for the
 time to come, all instructions that his lordship shall please
 to transmit to the governor or other officers, about land, may
 be published, and recorded in the respective county courts,
 within six months after the said instructions shall come to the
 hands of the said governor or other officers.

Signed per order,

ROBERT RIDGELY, Clk.”

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June 3d, 1676.

“ Came in a petition exhibited by Giles Stephens, against
 “ Charles James, for relief against the said James, his o-
 “ mission of returning his certificate of survey upon a war-
 “ rant obtained by the said Giles for 300 acres of land,
 “ bearing date the 20th of April, 1674, and surveyed by the